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Snowmobilers dreaming of open trails

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Christmas has passed, but snowmobilers are still waiting for the gift of the open trail.

This past weekend's fluctuating temperatures, heavy rain and snow was a mixed blessing for the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

"We got whacked, but will come out of this OK," HCSA director John Enright wrote in an email to the *Echo* on Sunday. "The 10ish centimetres of new snow after all the other weather was a bonus. We need a day or so to assess our trails and with the cooler temperatures they will dry out after the drenching. We have numerous 'water holes' (where water collects in low spots) and are fixing them as we can – see HCSA Facebook cover shot as an example. Look for a change in our status mid-week. This is a blessing. We have a decent trail base to build on."

Even before the weekend, Enright said the HCSA was optimistic despite the ever-changing conditions.

"We're very enthusiastic, very enthusiastic. We're very encouraged with the recent weather we've had," he said, referring to cold temperatures and snowfall last week.

Last year's season started earlier, but typically the season in the Haliburton Highlands has started close to mid-January. Storms with high winds that

see SNOWMOBILERS page 8



Good ol' hockey game

Shinny was a popular pastime at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton during the holidays. The arena continues to be a busy place over the winter with programming organized throughout the week. See dysartetal.ca/events for up-to-date schedules on what you can find.
 /DARREN LUM Staff

Extra-curriculars, field trips affected by job action

JENN WATT
Editor

Elementary school teachers are not participating in field trips or supervising extra-curricular activities in order to demonstrate their frustration with contract talks with the provincial government.

On Monday, Jan. 13, members of the

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, which includes all of the elementary schools in Haliburton County, escalated their job action.

Additionally, ETFO indicated that rotating strikes would commence beginning Jan. 20 if critical issues were not addressed by the government by Jan. 17.

"In six months of contract talks, the Ford government's education minister has given his negotiators no mandate to discuss anything other than cuts to edu-

cation including a \$150-million cut to public elementary education," said ETFO president Sam Hammond in a statement. "That's why there has been negligible progress on substantive issues like supports for special education, protecting the kindergarten model, addressing classroom-based violence and compensation that keeps up with the cost of inflation."

ETFO members will also arrive to work

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New group seeks year-round green burial options

JENN WATT

Editor

Green burials have support in principle from the county's municipal governments, now it's time to find ways to overcome logistical barriers, says the chair of the Green Burial Working Group.

Terry Moore has been advocating for both winter burials and natural burial options in Haliburton County over the last year, since the death of his son, Kyle. Although Kyle, who was 36, died in February, he could not be buried until May because there is no winter burial available in the county.

Since that time, thousands of dollars have been raised in Kyle's name to create more burial options in the area. In November, a new organization was formed from the Green Burial Working Group: the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society, which works to advocate for and offer information about year-round access to green burial options. At their first meeting, 30 people paid to become members and the group is now seeking incorporation as a not-for-profit.

"Part of the mandate of the society is going to be to really increase the knowledge base within the community of the realities associated with conventional burial and the advantages of green or natural burial alternatives," Moore said in an interview last week.

Green burial involves choosing options that can better allow the human body to return to the earth as naturally as possible. That can mean selecting burial over cremation, deciding against using embalming chemicals, and buying caskets or shrouds that are biodegradable.

For those who die in Haliburton County during winter months, the choices are limited. Families can either decide to have their loved one buried in May, which involves embalming; or they can have the body cremated at a facility outside of the county.

Seventy per cent of people in Canada currently choose cremation and Moore said from his research, the same is true in Haliburton County. "We think that one of the main reasons why that's a reality in Haliburton is the ban on burials for approximately six months of the year ...

from November through until May," Moore said.

He and the other advocates for winter and green burial options would like to see municipalities grant permission for burials year-round and they're working with each of the four lower-tier municipalities to look at options around designating specific green burial space.

In Algonquin Highlands, talks are ongoing about providing a portion of St. Stephen's Cemetery for green burials. Moore said other councils have begun discussions through their committees about what possibilities could be pursued.

In February, the green burial society will be hosting a winter burial best practices workshop for township staff and councillors looking at policy and operational issues.

Allowing winter burials is not an easy decision for councillors to make. There would be costs to maintain cemeteries when they're blanketed in snow and to map the plots using GPS. Moore said none of the municipalities currently own the hydraulic hammer attachment for an excavator needed to break through the ground in winter.

Moore said although winter and green burials are related, they are separate issues and the municipalities could move ahead on either front independently.

"Green burial sections could be created with or without winter burial options," he said. "Of course, the society is going to encourage them [municipalities] to go forward on both fronts, but they don't have to happen at the

same time for some progress to be made."

Providing more burial options hinges on wider conversations happening about end-of-life choices.

"We just generally need to be talking about death more often, I think, and treat it more not as a verboten topic, but as a topic we should be talking about because it's a natural part of life and we're going to end up there, so we may as well talk about it," Moore said.

To help people have those conversations, the green burial society is also developing a website, which is to include natural burial options, information on end-of-life planning, grief counselling and other resources. They currently maintain a Facebook page.

Each time the green burial society has an event, they collect names of those who would like to have the option of a green burial in order to demonstrate to decision-makers that demand exists. Moore said anyone who would be interested in green or winter burials should make sure that their councillors are aware.

"One of the things the [green burial] society is doing is trying to talk with the townships about the fact that the demand is really there, it's just not apparent," Moore said. "I think there's lots of people who would prefer green and winter burial, but because there's no access, it's not readily apparent to the township that demand is there. I think if people did have a winter green burial option they would choose it as opposed to going forward with cremation."

No drug/alcohol charges laid during RIDE campaign

The Haliburton Highlands OPP say that no drug or alcohol charges were laid in the 215 RIDE checks conducted in the Haliburton County area between Nov. 23 and Jan. 2.



Spaced Out

Owen and Trish Wootton check out Emily Mathers's "Nothing or Something?" acrylic work during the opening reception of the high school art show, Spaced Out, at Rails End Gallery Jan. 10. "Some people interpreted (Spaced Out) as the cosmos, some people looked at space as an element in art, and others ... addressed those emotional, psychological spaces," said art teacher Karen Gervais at the reception. /JENN WATT Staff



Above, student artist Jamie Holden describes her work, "Drifting," at the opening reception. She said she often gets distracted or "spaced out," so she created her embroidered piece of a girl drifting off into space, lost in her thoughts.

Left, Natalie Hunter created her work, "Lost in Space," with wire, metal, fishing line and glass. Her take on the theme addressed both mental space and outerspace, with a small metal figure surrounded by large, glass planets, demonstrating "how small we are and how easily we can get lost in 'space' whether that space is physical or mental." The show is on at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton until Jan. 25.

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Dean brings passion for colleges to new job

JENN WATT

Editor

After spending most of her life in downtown Toronto, the new dean at Haliburton School of Art + Design packed up her things, making sure to remember her parka and snowshoes, and moved to Haliburton village.

"The reason for that was both professional and personal," says Angela Stukator, seated at a table in her new office on the Haliburton campus. "Professionally, I had achieved everything that I had hoped to and then some at Sheridan and I turned 60 – and I'm proud to say that. I have a lot of energy and I wanted a new, exciting challenge. So, when the decision came up, I looked at my three adult children and said, what do you think? They said, go for it. So, with their support, I applied for the position and I was fortunate enough to be offered it in November."

Sandra Dupret, who was dean at HSAD for more than a decade, accepted the position of VP, student experience, in April of 2019 and continued to fill the role in Haliburton until Fleming College selected her replacement.

Stukator describes herself as an enthusiastic administrator – one who revels the art of designing dynamic, practical programs. Most recently, she was associate dean of Animation and Game Design at Sheridan, where she was a key player in creating their honours bachelor of animation, which she says now has about 600 students, has won several awards and counts internationally recognized directors among its alumni.

Before taking the job at Sheridan, Stukator was a professor in film studies at the University of Western Ontario: a natural progression from her academic training in the same field. But she found herself gravitating to colleges and the potential their hands-on format presented.



Angela Stukator is the new dean at Haliburton School of Art + Design and the School of General and Applied Sciences at Fleming College. She was most recently associate dean of Animation and Game Design at Sheridan College. /Photo by Scott Michael Walling

"I got very interested in arts education and wanted to be involved in the development of programs that allowed people not only to study the theory and the history, but also very much the practice. The college system excels at that: applied learning and learning that is absolutely tied to industry," she says.

Her decision to leave Sheridan after about 16 years was a leap into something new, but it wasn't entirely out of character. Stukator says she was looking to

refresh her worldview and give herself a new challenge. She was also familiar with the area and keen to embrace the natural beauty, and blissful lack of traffic, that the Highlands provides.

"I was commuting an hour and a half each way from Toronto to Oakville and now it takes me approximately seven minutes, depending on how easy it is to make the left onto the highway," she laughs. Her passions align nicely with her new locale: watching films and going for

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The college system excels at that: applied learning and learning that is absolutely tied to industry.

— HSAD dean Angela Stukator

hikes.

Along with her role at HSAD, Stukator is dean of the School of General Arts and Sciences, which takes her to Fleming College's Peterborough campus one to two days a week.

Having just settled into her new job last week, Stukator says she's still taking everything in, meeting people and learning about the college.

"I don't have any immediate plans to change anything. What I'm doing is looking at the strategic plan and new academic plan, which is in development, and trying to situate GAS [General Arts and Sciences] and Haliburton so that they are aligned with Fleming and its priorities. That includes things like focusing on people, student success, emerging technologies, Indigenous communities," she says.

She sees potential for growth and expansion, saying she's "100 per cent" behind the concept of a student residence, which is in the discussion stage.

"Haliburton is an absolute jewel. Much like Sheridan's animation program, it needs to be leveraged and branded so that the rest of the world knows how fantastic it is and that it becomes a real destination of choice for artists and makers who want to continue their path of learning and practice," she says.

EQAO math assessments cancelled in wake of teacher job action

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no earlier than 30 minutes before the start of instruction and will leave within 15 minutes following the end of the instructional day.

"Contract talks are not being helped by Ford's Education Minister Stephen Lecce making public announcements that misrepresent what his team is doing at the bargaining table. The disconnect is so great that we're left shaking our heads," Hammond said. "Minister Lecce claims in public that there will be no changes to the kindergarten model, but refuses to make that commitment during bargaining. The minister claims salary is the main sticking point in bargaining, yet it's been a topic that has received hardly any discussion over months of bargaining."

Lecce responded to ETFO's escalation last week by calling on union leaders to back down. "Union leaders promised that their escalation would not impact students and their learning. Regrettably, they have again broken that promise, however we will uphold our commitment to parents, to stay at the bargaining table and work as hard as it takes to reach a deal, that keeps students in class," he said in a statement on Jan. 9.

"We have delivered a ratified deal, and most recently a tentative deal, with education unions to date, and we are working to deliver further agreements that achieve our priority of keeping students

in class."

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation has also been putting pressure on the province following fruitless negotiations. Following the announcement of another one-day rotating strike, Lecce reiterated that students should be in class.

"It is most concerning that teacher unions' leaders disagree and continue to impede learning for the next generation. Our government is focused on landing deals that keep students in class so that we end the frustrating experience families face due to predictable union escalation," he said. "This continued strike action is unfair to students and their families."

OSSTF members at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the alternate education centre participated in two one-day strikes in December, but are not scheduled to participate in the Jan. 15 one-day action.

High school teachers will also not be supervising EQAO standardized testing, which the Trillium Lakelands District School Board said would require adjustments.

"Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) will not be able to administer the Grade 9 EQAO math assessment without teacher supervision," a labour update on the school board's website reads. "The Grade 9 EQAO math assessment will be postponed for all TLDSB

secondary schools until normal circumstances prevail. As this will impact final mark calculations for students, the final 30 per cent of Grade 9 math marks will be a combination of a culminating activity and the final exam as per the Ministry of Education Growing Success document."

OSSTF has said it opposes the province's move to increase class sizes and institute mandatory e-learning. They've also asked for cost-of-living increases, which Lecce has said would be prohibitively expensive.

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Midwives help deliver their first county baby of 2020

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Staff Reporter

When Courtney Cook was scheduled to go to Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Jan. 3 to induce her pregnancy, the thought crossed her mind that her baby might be the first Haliburton County resident born in 2020 under the care of the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft. Almost 48 hours later, Lennon Ivy Skelding joined her family – mom Courtney and dad Brandon Skelding – and midwife team to become the newest resident of Eagle Lake and Haliburton County's first baby of the year.

"I said to Brandon, I wonder if she's going to be the first," said Cook. "I didn't expect to be in labour so long, so when the fifth came around, I said, we'll see. And Brandon said, man, she's pretty close to New Year's. And I was like, oh, there's got to be other ones. And it's Lennon. So that's pretty exciting."

Weighing seven pounds, six ounces, measuring 19.5 inches long, Lennon was born at 4:17 p.m. on Jan. 5.

"She's doing fantastic," said Cook. "I may be biased, but yeah, she's pretty cute."

Cook praised the midwives for their support during her pregnancy, Lennon's birth, and aftercare for the pair. She especially appreciated the time they took to answer her questions, helping her be informed about care for her and her baby.

"The midwives, you can be in there for an hour just asking them questions



Lennon Ivy Skelding of Eagle Lake was the first baby from Haliburton County under the care of the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft to be born this year. She was born Jan. 5 at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre to Courtney Cook and Brandon Skelding./Submitted photo

and they explained the induction process from front to back," said Cook, who experienced high blood pressure during her pregnancy, which led to the induction. "I left the OB office and I'm like, I'm

not really sure what's happening. And then I left the midwives' office and I said, I know exactly what's happening now. They're just thorough and answer all your questions and give you the time and it's just an amazing experience."

Cook said she felt there was still some misunderstanding about midwifery care in the county.

"A lot of people even through my pregnancy were like, oh, are you sure you're good with not having any pain meds? I was like, guys, you need to do your research, it's not that way at all," said Cook. "And their aftercare, like six weeks of aftercare with them, to be able to ask some questions and have that go-to person if you're like, oh, I don't know what's wrong with my baby. That's amazing, you don't get that when you go through just a regular OB."

After Cook and Lennon returned home, the midwives have visited to do wellness checks and ensure both mom and baby are thriving.

"They've come here and that's amazing because there's a lot of moms that can't get up moving, or too nervous to leave or whatever it may be," said Cook. "To be able to be in the comfort of your own home, it's pretty awesome."

Cook said they were also able to help offer Brandon a chance to get something to eat during the long labour.

"Just their support, even after I got the epidural they're like, close your eyes and rest. Don't worry about us, we've got stuff covered, we'll sit in the chair, if you need us we're here," said Cook. "They sent Brandon to get food so he was ener-

gized. They even help the dads, which is awesome. It makes them feel way more a part of it, too ... He said to me, as soon as it was done, he said, we'll never do it any other way but these women because they're amazing."

Lennon has met all of her milestones and has made the two first-time parents exceptionally happy.

"I literally said to my husband, I said, I know we're on Cloud 9 because we have a baby, but I'm like, I'm blessed with the relationship we have because it just clicked for both of us and we both just tackled it with, I don't want to say with ease, because it's not easy being a first time parent, but it's like together we just bounce off of each other," said Cook. "It's just been so smooth. We've been together 14 years, so it's quite strong from the beginning but this is one of the best things that could ever happen to us for sure."

Lennon is also welcomed by grandparents Bill and Marilyn Skelding of Blairhampton in Minden Hills, and Dave Cook and Liz Postill of Algonquin Highlands.

Seth Koster of Bancroft was the first baby born under the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft care this year, on Jan. 3 at PRHC. Kinslee Hunter of Irondale is the first baby born at home in the county this year, born in the evening of Jan. 5. Last year the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft supported 106 babies – 48 boys and 58 girls. Seventy-two of those babies were born in hospital while 34 were born out of hospital. The midwives are currently booking clients up to and including September 2020.

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Dysart tax rate increase sitting at 3.65 per cent

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The tax rate increase in Dysart's draft 2020 budget is sitting at 3.65 per cent, with the budget scheduled to be passed at a council meeting at the end of the month.

After an initial budget meeting in December, councillors for the municipality held further budget talks during a Jan. 10 meeting. The budget totals approximately \$17 million, about \$10 million of which will be derived from property taxation. Some \$5.7 million will be spent on transportation, which includes roads maintenance and construction; about \$3.5 million on protective services, which includes the municipality's OPP bill and the operation of the fire department; approximately \$3.3 million on environmental services, which includes the operation of the municipality's landfills; about \$2.4 million on culture and recreation, which includes maintenance

of parks and community centres; \$1.4 for general government, which includes administration; about \$550,000 in the planning and development department; approximately \$185,000 for health services; and about \$22,000 for health and family services, which includes the operation of the municipality's DYMO bus.

A 3.65 per cent increase will equate to an increase in taxes on residential properties of \$10.36 for every \$100,000 of assessment. For commercial properties that figure will be \$15.36 for every \$100,000 of assessment, and for industrial properties, an increase of \$17.80 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

"Municipal budgets must look at the needs of today and plan for the future," Mayor Andrea Roberts told the *Echo* in an email. "Our biggest goal is to achieve sustainability but that also comes with choices as to what services are needed, and what services are expected. Budgeting is a balancing act. Transportation, environment, and OPP billing take large portions of the pie, but while recreation and culture are not legislated, we have heard

how important they are to our community, and need to be included."

During last week's meeting, council agreed to add an additional \$50,000 for roads work to the draft that had been presented in December, that money intended for some work along Highland Street, as well as ditching projects along Kennis Lake Road and Dunn Road. Councillor John Smith wanted to see an additional \$200,000 put into the roads department with offsetting savings to be found elsewhere, however that plan was not supported by the majority of council.

"Dysart staff presented a very lean budget so no other councillors felt finding a savings of that amount was possible," Roberts wrote in an email. "... We may find we need to add more to the roads budget in 2021 and we may need to put more aside to maintaining our buildings and other assets, but for this year we have a responsible and well justified budget."

It's expected the budget will be passed on Jan. 28.

Continued reservations about TripAdvisor at committee

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Some members of Haliburton County's tourism advisory committee, and the manager of one of the county's largest accommodators, continue to have concerns about the proposed use of online travel company TripAdvisor by the county's tourism department.

Part of the 2020 tourism marketing plan is for the county to purchase a destination page with TripAdvisor, a widely used website for accommodation reviews and bookings.

"We definitely need to be there," said county tourism director Amanda Virtanen when she initially presented the idea to the committee in the fall. "It would also really help our Google presence."

During a Jan. 8 committee meeting, members received and discussed a letter from John Teljeur, general manager of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Among other criticisms, Teljeur's letter implored the county not to proceed with the TripAdvisor plan.

"The plan to invest anything in a TripAdvisor promotion will actually hurt accommodation providers rather than help them," Teljeur's letter read. "Every hotel brand and individual accommodator spends a lot of time/effort

to reduce the impact of the excessive commissions paid to Expedia, TripAdvisor and other online travel agents. You're essentially opening the floodgates to something we work so hard to prevent. Pinestone cannot participate in this promotion in any shape or form (not even a listing) because it could lead to driving current customers through TripAdvisor ... and gouge our rate structure. Please reconsider this project."

Rob Berthelot, who owns Halls Lake's Sandy Lake Resort and is a member of the advisory committee, also expressed reservations about the potential county use of TripAdvisor.

"The TripAdvisor [plan] concerns me greatly as an accommodator, because they take somewhere between 15 and 30 per cent," Berthelot said. "They might not be asking for it right now, but my perception is this is letting the fox into the henhouse."

"My concern is, I want to know more info before we say, let's go ahead with TripAdvisor," he said. "I'm not saying we can't go ahead with it, but I'd like to get some more info before we make a final decision, because I'm concerned about the potential ramifications going forward."

"We did talk about the booking aspect of TripAdvisor a couple of years ago, and because of push-back from the stakeholders, we said, OK, we won't go there on your behalf, because of those percentages," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, explaining that the destination page being talked about in this case was a new product from the company.

"We're all in this together," Virtanen told committee members. "I'm not going to recommend a tactic that I don't think will work. However, I'm going on what TripAdvisor has told me."

"It's a new product that they're launching this year," Virtanen continued. "It's a page that we have full control over the content. All of the advertising that will be on TripAdvisor will go directly to the accommodators themselves. You don't book through TripAdvisor, it sends the traffic out."

The cost for the full year program would be \$13,000, which includes a customizable destination page and full ad campaign.

"This isn't adversarial at all," Virtanen said. "I just want to do what's best for the community, and when you Google where to stay in Haliburton Highlands, the first thing that comes up is TripAdvisor. I'd rather control that content, if we can."

A number of committee members agreed they would like more information about the program before making a recommendation to county council, and Virtanen will bring more info back to the committee table.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Greening burials

THOSE BURIED at Willow's Rest Green Burial Area in Niagara Falls have their names recognized on a central memorial, a stone mined from a local quarry. Embalming is not used, to allow the body to return to the earth more quickly. Native trees have been planted on the two-acre property and seven pollinator gardens attract butterflies and encourage the wildflower meadow to flourish.

The cemetery, which was created about two years ago, is one of the more frequently cited examples of what natural, or green, burial can look like. It's a return to more traditional burial methods, which also tend to create less of a carbon footprint.

Haliburton County doesn't yet have a designated green burial site, but it really should.

Over the last year, several proponents of green burials have been organizing primarily through a working group of Environment Haliburton to educate the population about green burials and to discuss the topic with the county's four lower-tier municipal councils.

Green burial, as defined by the Green Burial Society of Canada, adheres to five principles: no embalming, direct earth burial, ecological restoration/conservation, communal memorialization, and optimizing land use. All of these components seek to use the land in the most ecologically sensitive way as possible, returning the body to the earth as quickly as possible.

We are all organic material and our bodies, once we die, can be of benefit to the environment; green burials help that process along, by removing barriers such as grave liners and non-biodegradable caskets. Green

burial sites can also be peaceful, natural places, planned carefully to create habitat for native plants and animals.

In Algonquin Highlands, a section of St. Stephen's Cemetery is being considered for natural burials and other municipalities are examining the possibility of offering something similar.

A hitch, however, comes with winter burials, which are not offered anywhere in the county. Specialized equipment is needed to dig graves in the winter, plus councils would need to commit to the cost of maintaining cemeteries in the winter to allow for burials.

Without winter burials, cremation or embalming are necessary for those who would like their loved one's body to be interred in Haliburton County, if death occurs in winter.

Momentum is building to find solutions to these issues, largely thanks to the work of Terry Moore and fellow green burial advocates, who have united under a new organiza-

tion called the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society.

What they need now is for anyone interested in having the option of winter burial or green burial (or both) to make sure they're counted.

It's likely there's a desire for more choice among the local population, but councillors won't know that unless that is made clear. The green burial society is keeping a list of interested individuals, or you can contact your councillor directly.

Green burial can allow families and friends to honour the values of their departed loved ones. It's an option that should be made available no matter where you live – especially in a place as natural and environmentally conscious as Haliburton County.



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Editorial



Snow drift

by Darren Lum

Joyful effort

JIM AND I were on our way home from Kingston on the weekend and as we drove north on Highway 62 he spotted a barred owl sitting in a tree. It was camouflaged and I would never have noticed it. I turned the car around, pulled over to the side of the road and there it was sitting in the tree. Still. Big. We stood quietly and watched it for a few minutes and then it spread its large wings and flew away.

Jim gave me binoculars for Christmas this year and it is our intention to do more birding together in 2020. It will be interesting to see what stories I have to tell at the end of this year because of that intention. I am a beginner who has been surrounded by birders who are so enthusiastic and full of love for watching birds for many years. Collectively they spend thousands and thousands of hours in nature with the birds every year.

We joke that they have many bird lists. The birds that come to their bird feeders. The birds they see while sitting at a café having coffee. Birds they see while driving from one place to another. Birds they see while sitting in the campground (perhaps with a glass of wine in hand). You get the idea. They bird everywhere and all the time. It is a way of being.

The Buddha talked about the idea of "joyful effort" as the way to get something done or the way to learn something you are passionate about

or the way to start something new.

Joyful effort, enthusiasm or love are all words that describe a positive way of feeling that is more likely to last as you try something new, or work to change something. When you can bring those qualities to whatever you are doing, you are more likely to stick to the task and get better and stronger at it. I can tell you that after watching my friends for all these years, there is a lot of love, so much enthusiasm and joyful effort whether it is raining, cold, snowing or the drive is long. They just love watching birds.

I know so many people who have the same kind of joyful effort for their music, or their art, or their sports. Their kids. Their reading. Their writing. Their volunteer jobs. Their travel. Their work. Their community. The beauty of the world is that we are all different and passionate about different things. That is what makes us strong and vibrant and able to carry on. As you contemplate 2020 I wonder what you will

bring your joyful effort, your enthusiasm, your love to? And how will that affect not only you, but the people around you. I wish us all good health, love, enthusiasm, joyful effort and peace for 2020.

P.S. As I am about to press send on this article, Ed Poropat called to let Jim know that 35 barred owls were seen on the Petroglyphs Bird Count on Jan 4. Joyful effort.

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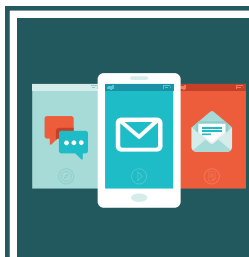
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points of view

Generating concern

ONE OF THE great benefits of being connected to the world through your cellphone is that you get to know what's happening immediately.

On Sunday, for example, I learned that someone was probably going to have some explaining to do, after they mistakenly put out a province-wide alert that informed us all of a vague "incident" at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station.

That's a world-class mistake.

The problem, as we know, is that the term "incident" is always used to undersell the level of disaster. For instance, when I reminisce with old friends, they still remind each other of my "mullet incident" even though it happened nearly 40 years ago.

Whenever there is a province-wide alert that involves a nuclear facility, a certain population starts making tinfoil hats and doing online searches for bunkers.

It's only natural that many people in Pickering and across the province experienced various levels of anxiety for an

hour – which is approximately the amount of time it took for the follow-up province-wide alert that essentially said, "Whoops! Never mind, there's no issue here at all. Forget we ever mentioned it."

Regardless of the outcome, you have to feel for the people of Pickering. That must have been one very uncomfortable hour.

But, now that we know everything is OK and no one is actually hurt, I really feel bad for their tourism department.

My guess is now that the non-radioactive dust has settled they are feverishly working on creating

a whole new tourism campaign that mitigates the damage and perhaps even puts a positive spin on this "incident."

With that in mind, I'd like to offer up help as people of good will do in times of trouble.

I'll begin by throwing out there a few tourism slogans that might be of use.

My favourite of those is "Pickering: We glow naturally!" If that doesn't suit you, how about "Pickering: If you don't like it here, just wait an hour."

If you prefer something a bit more snappy how about: "Pickering: Gotcha!" or "Pickering: Still mutant free."

Slogans aside, I think this "incident" was very likely a wake-up call for us all. But only because it first occurred at around 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning.

Those living inside the 10-kilometre radius specifically mentioned in the initial false warning probably learned why adult diapers could come in handy. Worse still, they probably also had to make an awful choice between evacuating due to a potential nuclear disaster or sleeping in on a Sunday morning. And that's never easy.

If nothing else, people will remember this for years – especially the kid whose bag got packed last.

As someone who lives outside the area the warning was referred to, I also learned a lot. For instance, I now know we live exactly 143 kilometres away from Pickering as the crow flies. Not that I checked.

Thankfully, there was a bright side for all concerned: nothing ever came of the warning – other than the comforting realization that the mistakes the rest of us will make this week are minor in comparison.

Most of us will never have our mistakes broadcast province-wide and featured in national news stories as well as an emergency alert – and for that alone we should be very thankful. The person responsible for this blunder is experiencing this and is probably under an incredible amount of stress right now.

To them I say, there's no need for a meltdown. I had fun making my tin hat.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past is from the *Echo* archives from Jan. 29, 1986. The original caption read: "A total of 75 riders took part in the Haliburton portion of Snowarama on Saturday at the Wildlife Preserve near Kennisis Lake. Most of them topped up their tanks with free fuel, courtesy of Imperial Oil and local agent Giles Connelly, seen here at left, manning the hose." The accompanying story said 178 sledders around the county raised \$30,500 for Easter Seals in the Haliburton and Minden Rotary Clubs' Snowarama.

letters to the editor

Men's breakfast going strong 20 years on

To the Editor,

"It was 20 years ago today..."

... Or so begins "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" by The Beatles.

Well, it was 20 years ago last Saturday that the Haliburton United Church Men's Breakfast group began. We meet once a month at Haliburton United for bacon, eggs and Christian fellowship.

This past Saturday, we celebrated by breaking with tradition: we had pancakes (crêpes or flapjacks, if you will), and as the organizer-in-chief these past two decades, I can honestly say that I'm proud of this great bunch of guys.

They show up (almost) every month to watch Ross Burk, Baastian Bouthorn and I cook and clean for them, and they gobble up whatever "heart-healthy" food we serve.

Afterwards, John Peel leads us in a beautifully prepared Bible study and chat.

It's been a real blessing and privilege to have shared 20 years of worries, sorrows, joys and laughter with these Christian men, not to mention the grub, and I hope to keep doing so for 20 more, God being our helper.

René Benoit
Haliburton



Sweet saw-whet

Donna Johnson-Maughan sent in this photo of a saw-whet owl visiting a spruce tree close to her home. She said it "stayed for quite a while, but decided to leave when the blue jays made it evident that they weren't happy with his/her presence."

Snowmobilers reminded to stay off closed trails

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felled trees across trails during the summer and fall also delayed the opening of trails this season, he said. These trees cannot be removed until the trail is open so the necessary machinery can be moved in place.

Enright said the HCSA was the first trail-building organization of the 17 districts represented on the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs network trail map to have had a trail opened this winter. The B103, which is the trail between Haliburton and Kinmount, was one of the few open in the network until it was closed prior to the weekend. As of Monday, it had not yet been re-opened. Enright did not say which trails are close to being opened, but did point out trails such as the Rail Trail require less base of snow which helps with opening sooner. See www.ofsc.on.ca for status of trails.

Haliburton County is part of the Snow Country Snowmobile Region District 6 Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, which includes Bancroft and Ottawa Valley.

Work remains for the HCSA, which has nearly two dozen volunteers. Enright welcomes more volunteers to help with posting signage, clearing brush, packing snow, opening gates, and preparing a new looped route tour. He jokes the club needs 2,000 volunteers for all the work they do to prepare and maintain the 370 kilometres of trails, including 75 kilometres of water crossings.

Most of the "off-trail activities" are close to being completed with 800 stakes to waterways still left to be placed.

The HCSA reminds riders to stay off closed trails.

"The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association says its Trail 15 from the north end of Halls Lake to Little Brother Lake is unavailable until further notice. Parks Canada is rebuilding a dam at Little Brother Lake and is doing considerable blasting and rock removal," Enright wrote in an email last week. "Snowmobilers riding the closed trail had a very close encounter just as the contractor was preparing for a blast. Meanwhile cars, and other snowmobilers have been encroaching too close from the Little Hawk Lake Road side. The HCSA is asking all snowmobilers not to ride unavailable trails."

Stakes on waterways don't automatically mean the trail is open, Enright said: "Head Lake is staked, but that trail is not open."

Kennis Lake has just two inches of ice thickness and is not open.

See www.hcsa.ca to volunteer or for more information.

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The HCSA is asking all snowmobilers not to ride unavailable trails.

— John Enright
Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

McLauchlan named interim executive director of KHCAS

Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society's board of directors has named an interim executive director to step in when executive director Jennifer Wilson retires in February 2020.

Jennifer McLauchlan, director of corporate services, is serving as the interim executive director as of Jan. 2. The certified human resources leader has 25 years of experience, largely in the public sector. According to a press release from KHCAS, McLauchlan joined the agency in April 2012 as director of human resources, being promoted to director of corporate services in December 2015. She has previously worked in human resources at the

Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

"Jennifer McLauchlan has full confidence from the board as she brings continuity of vision for the agency," said Rod Sutherland, KHCAS board president. "She provides an essential mix of leadership and operational experience. The agency will continue to thrive under her leadership during this time of change and modernization within the child welfare sector."

The board said they appreciated Wilson's leadership and contributions over the past eight years and wished her well.

- Staff



Playing for the fun of it

Left, a player pursues a loose puck during the hour of shinny on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The arena continues to be a busy place over the winter with programming organized throughout the week. See dysartetal.ca/events for up-to-date schedules on what you can find. Photo on right, players battle for a puck along the boards while playing shinny. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Mike Stevens, harmonica virtuoso and ArtsCan Circle founder, inspired the audience at his sold-out event in Haliburton on Jan. 8 with stories about his work in northern communities. Stevens has worked with children on self-expression through music and art and made several appearances in the Highlands during his visit including at a local school, an evening concert in Minden and at the fish hatchery as part of the Yours Outdoors speaker series. /DARREN LUM Staff

Mike Stevens pulls a harmonica from his collection of 40 before performing in Haliburton.



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Duchene offers perspective on last decade

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's been more than 10 years since Matt Duchene was drafted third overall by the Colorado Avalanche, his favourite childhood hockey team, as an 18-year-old.

There's been a lot of change since.

Duchene is now with his fourth NHL club, the Nashville Predators, is married and has become a father, which has provided perspective to the 28-year-old (turning 29 on Jan. 16).

"I think the biggest thing that's changed for me, other than a much busier life at home, is I'm able to put into perspective what's important day to day ... obviously there's some big things that come into that like life and career goals but the smaller stuff is where I see the biggest difference in my perspective," he wrote in an email. "For example, I used to reply to every email and text I got as soon as I got it because I wanted to be prompt to reply to people and probably a little bit of OCD in there as well, but now I put that stuff to the side until I have the head space for it and do it on my own time so I'm not missing out on the big things happening in front of me." Duchene, wife Ashley and son Beau David Newell, who turned one on Jan. 9, live a short drive away from the city.

The proud Haliburtonian calls Nashville a "little, big town."

"It is very intertwined and personable and the lifestyle is amazing. We live 25 [minutes] south of the city and we have turkeys, deer and all kinds of other wildlife in our backyard all the time," he



Matt Duchene, seen here at the 2019 Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic in Haliburton, said there's been plenty of change in his life since he was drafted to the NHL as an 18-year-old more than a decade ago. Now playing for Nashville, married with a baby, he said he focuses on what's important one day at a time. /DARREN LUM Staff

wrote. "The country living and the southern hospitality reminds me a lot of home, which is a huge reason Ash and I wanted to live there for so long."

There are two things the couple misses from the two previous places they lived: Ottawa and Denver.

One, being closer to family, which includes Ottawa for Duchene and Denver for Ashley. Two, the relatively short drive from Ottawa, which enabled Duchene to go to Haliburton twice a year.

"Other than that, it's a 10 out of 10 for us," he said, referring to living in Nashville.

Just a few weeks ago, Duchene played in his third NHL Winter Classic, the annual regular season outdoor hockey game hosted at a football or baseball stadium.

Although the Predators lost to the Dallas Stars, 4-2 at the Cotton Bowl Stadium on New Year's Day, Duchene said it was a great experience, which happened with parents, wife and son watching.

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Nothing is ever as good or as bad as you think it is, so take what today gave you and prepare to either change it tomorrow or do it again.

— Matt Duchene

"That was my third outdoor game and definitely the best one experience-wise yet. It's for sure fun to play outside and be on such a big stage but it's a totally different feeling game ... everything about it is weird, right down to how the ice feels. You definitely need to play in a couple before you know how to handle them," he wrote.

Duchene finished with a goal, scoring his ninth of the season, and then assisted on the team's other goal. As of Friday, Jan. 10, he has scored 10 goals and has 20 assists in 40 games played. Asked about what advice he would give his 18-year-old self from the knowledge he has now about life and hockey, he wrote, "Ha ha, wow, I could probably write a 500-page book to myself full of advice at this point, but ... the biggest thing I would say is staying even keel is huge," he wrote. "Nothing is ever as good or as bad as you think it is, so take what today gave you and prepare to either change it tomorrow or do it again."

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Classes serve up new ways to cook

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Ever since Jay McIvor was 14, he's loved to eat. He parlayed this passion for food to his culinary journey allowing him to enrich his life with the flavours of the world.

As SIRCH Community Services's chef, McIvor is inviting people of all ages to broaden their horizons and learn more about cooking, including safe practices addressing food intolerances and allergies at the upcoming Community Cooking Classes.

McIvor said he wants to "bring ideas to people who would otherwise be uninspired or lacking in general knowledge to prepare meals. I'm going to keep it very simple. I may introduce a packaged meal and show them how to kind of modify it."

One example was mac 'n' cheese. Add some broccoli and you will not only introduce a new flavour, but help bolster the nutrient content of the dish.

The classes are a partnership between SIRCH Community Services and the municipalities of Dysart et al and Minden Hills, through the Senior County Grant Program.

The classes are held in Haliburton and Minden, alternating each week starting on Friday, Jan. 10 and finishing on March 27. The next class will be held in Minden on Friday, Jan. 17 with "Cooking Healthy on a Budget – it IS possible!"

Other classes include "Special Diets: Gluten Free, Dairy-free Cooking"; "Special Diets: Plant-based Cooking"; "Cooking for Guys (men and boys only)"; and two "Cooking for the Week – make it here, take it home" classes. Classes will be capped at 10 participants and are offered for free.

McIvor trained with chefs of German, Japanese and Thai backgrounds. Some of his professional background includes cooking vegetarian and vegan meals starting in 2004, including gluten-free dishes at YMCA Wanakita. He said he is a regular traveller, having visited Asia more than once, returning to add those flavours to his cooking repertoire.

Anyone interested in saving money is best served by a vegetarian diet since buying meat is more costly, which is an aspect to the "Special Diets" class, he said.

Another area the classes will help with is how to interpret the ingredient lists, reading between the lines to find what might trigger allergies. One example is pea protein, which can be problematic for some people.

All sessions in Haliburton are held at SIRCH Central at 2 Victoria Street. Pre-register by contacting Andrea Mueller at 705-457-1740 ext. 635 or email amueller@dysartetal.ca.

All sessions in Minden are held at the Minden Hills Community Centre at 55 Parkside Street. Pre-register by contacting Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2808 or email her at eweiss@mindenhill.ca.



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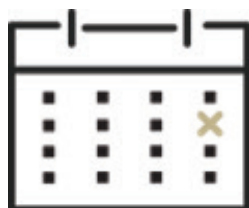
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1. Small deer
4. Khoikhoi peoples
9. South African statesman
14. Keyboard key
15. Remove
16. A conspicuous constellation
17. Data executive
18. Retired NASCAR driver
20. Tightens
22. A picture of the Virgin Mary
23. "The Mission" actor
24. Confidently
28. More (Spanish)
29. Sports highlight show (abbr.)
30. Hand out cards
31. Distinctive Asian antelope
33. Arabic greeting
37. Of I
38. Hip hop trio
39. Meat roll
41. One's mother (Brit.)
42. ___-GYN
43. Belgian city
44. Plucks
46. Leak slowly
49. Denotes a particular region
50. General's assistant (abbr.)
51. Divides

55. Kid
58. Inland Empire Expanded Learning Symposium
59. Engaged in conflict
60. Former CBS sportscaster
64. Characterized by unity
65. Working-class
66. Corners
67. ___ de plume
68. Influential French artist
69. "Very" in musical terms
70. Financial account
- CLUES DOWN
1. Long, flat abdominal muscles
2. Small Eurasian willow
3. Justified in terms of profitability
4. Required
5. River that starts in Turkey
6. Disfigure
7. A way of communicating (abbr.)
8. Leaks slowly
9. Shady place under trees
10. Made a speech
11. Long, angry speech
12. Mortar trough
13. Autonomic nervous system
19. Southern India island

21. Grab quickly
24. Ancient Mesopotamian city
25. With three uneven sides
26. Football visionary
27. Primordial matters
31. Facing towards the flow of a glacier
32. "A Delicate Balance" writer
34. Emits coherent radiation
35. Commercial
36. Groups of foot bones
40. Out of print
41. Partner to cheese
45. German river
47. Concluding speech
48. Spanish dish
52. Prominent California cape Point ___
53. Any high mountain
54. Ethiopian lake
56. Mr.
57. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
59. Large, flightless bird
60. Oil industry term (abbr.)
61. Something one can draw
62. Officers in charge
63. Greek island

Answers on page 16

Life imprisonment for Savage, upcoming court appearances for Hart, Ferguson

William Savage was sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for 25 years on Dec. 3, after he was found guilty on Nov. 22 of one count of first-degree murder.

The trial for the Fenelon Falls man accused of killing Bowmanville resident David Palmer, whose remains were discovered in Haliburton in May 2016, began Sept. 23 in Lindsay.

Savage was 47 when he was charged with first degree murder on Oct. 26, 2016 in connection with the death of Palmer, who was 47 when he died.

Palmer was last seen on Oct. 2, 2015 on video surveillance stopping at a gas station on Hwy 35 outside of Pontypool and his Honda Accord was recovered on Oct. 14 near Spruce Lake Trail in Haliburton. At the time of the arrest, OPP confirmed that Savage and Palmer were known to each other.

Upcoming court dates

The following are updates on upcoming court proceedings as reported to The Echo.

Norman Hart of Dysart et al, has made numerous court appearances throughout the summer, according to Leigh-Ann Evers of the Ontario/Superior Court of Justice in Lindsay. She said Hart was

detained on June 18, 2019 and began the judicial pretrial process on Oct. 11 last year.

To date, he has had three judicial pretrials. He is expected to next appear in court on Feb. 7 for another judicial pretrial.


Hart was arrested and charged with second-degree murder on June 18 after Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to a house along Highland Street in Haliburton, where they found the deceased body of Robert James Brown, 49, of Haliburton.

Highlands East resident Robert Ferguson had his first bail hearing on July 6, 2019 and was detained, according to Evers. He then had a bail hearing in superior court in Newmarket on Aug. 30 and was released on a recognizance of bail with conditions. He started the judicial pretrial process on Nov. 26.

According to Evers, he is scheduled to appear in court next on June 9 for a preliminary hearing.

Ferguson was arrested and charged with second-degree murder after the death of Dylan Dahlke of Dysart et al in the early morning hours of July 6, 2019.

-Staff



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER #3

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Municipality of Dysart et al Septage Management Study

The Municipality of Dysart et al is undertaking a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to establish the preferred approach for providing septage and holding tank waste disposal services to the residents of the Municipality.

A significant public, stakeholder and review agency consultation is a key element of the EA process. Public Information Centre (PIC) #3 will provide information on the final recommendation and selection of the preferred solution, and other updates based on feedback and questions received.

Public Information Centre (#2)

Date: Monday, January 27, 2020

Time: 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Location: Haliburton County Museum
66 Museum Rd.
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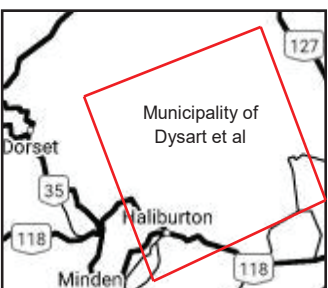
Comments Invited

You are invited to attend the PIC to provide your comments so that they may be included in the final study report. Comments received throughout the course of the assessment were considered in selecting the preferred alternative. Following the PIC comments will be received until February 10, 2020.

Please contact either of the following if you wish to be added to the mailing list or if you have any questions or comments, or wish to obtain information about the project:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. This Notice first issued on January 7, 2020.

Hawks rinks advance to regionals

All four Haliburton Highlands Secondary School curling entrants advanced to the next round of the Ontario School Curling Provincial Competition after competing in the zone level hosted by HHSS and the Haliburton Curling Club on Saturday, Dec. 21 in Haliburton.

Five teams entered in the competition, formerly known as the Gore Mutual Provincial Curling Championships. Besides the Red Hawks teams competing, the Falcons of Fenelon Falls Secondary School finished with a pair of wins and advanced as the A finalist from the girls' field.

"Having all four teams advance is a great accomplishment that comes as a result of the great support of coach Hugh Nichol at the Haliburton Curling Club and principal Chris Boulay at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School," said Darrell Dobson, one of the Hawks' coaches.

Hawks boys' teams compete against each other

The senior Dobson team of Jacob Dobson, skip, Owen Nicholls, lead, and Corin Gervais, second, pushed through a day of adversity and illness. They were down a player with vice Liam Little absent, "and two of the members were quite sick." They faced the junior Red Hawks boys' Boore team of Nate Boore, skip, Marcus Harrison, lead, Cole Boisvert, second, and Logan Malette, vice, who played well and came up with the win, 6-5. Both teams advanced to the regional competition.

B finalist and B runner-ups for girls' Red Hawks

In the first game, the Fenelon Falls rink beat the senior Red Hawks girls' Byers team of Jessica Byers, skip, Hannah Lewis, lead, Mackenzie Tidey, vice, and Savannah Byers, second, 7-0. In the second game, the Fenelon Falls rink beat the junior girls' Parish team of Holly Parish, skip, Jocelyn Chumbley, vice, Kayla Switzer, second, and Harmony Moher, lead, 7-5 to become the A finalist. In the third game, the Byers team came out with a win against the Parish team to advance as the B finalists. The junior girls also advance as the B runner-ups.

All four Haliburton teams advance to the Gore Regionals, Feb. 1 and 2, in Richmond Hill.

Later this year, HHSS and the Haliburton Curling Club will host the Central Ontario Secondary School Association championship on March 9.

-Staff
With files from Darrell Dobson



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Byers team of Savannah Byers, left, and Hannah Lewis, right, sweep for their skip Jessica Byers's rock at the Ontario School Curling Provincial Competition zone level on Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Haliburton Curling Club. This senior team advanced to the next round of competition, the regionals as the B finalists. Formerly known as the Gore Mutual Provincial Curling Championships, the event was co-hosted by HHSS and the local club. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks junior curling team's Marcus Harrison, left, sweeps for teammate Cole Boisvert's shot with Logan Malette during the Ontario School Curling Provincial Competition zone level on Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The team advanced to the next level of competition, the regionals along with the senior team.



Red Hawks curler Corin Gervais readies to release the rock during the Ontario School Curling Provincial Competition zone level on Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Haliburton Curling Club.



County of Haliburton Notices

2020 Budget and 2020 Tax Ratios, Tax Rates and Tax Capping Bylaws

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that Haliburton County Council will be reviewing the 2020 Budget, 2020 Tax Ratios, Tax Rates and Tax Capping Bylaws on:

- Wednesday January 22 at 9:00 am

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council, at their January 28th, 2020 meeting, will be considering the following fee changes:

- By-law No. 2014-30 – Building Permit By-law – Schedule A to the By-law is being amended to include a Building Permit Administration Fee and a change to the Septic Evaluation Fee.
- DYMO Bus Rates are being increased effective April 1, 2020. Current rates have been in place since 2015.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on the website.

Cheryl Coulson, Clerk
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Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Haliburton
Join Paul Heaven, wildlife biologist/consultant, for an interactive presentation about wetlands and their important role in mitigating climate change. Presented by Environment Haliburton and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.
Contact: Susan Hay, hayfield@tcc.on.ca, 705-457-9239

Ladies Night at the Museum
When: Thursday, Jan. 16, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
The motto of the Haliburton Highlands Museum is “Telling the Story of All of Us”; but what is our community’s story? Join museum director Kate Butler for a fun journey through our community’s history, guided by 10 of her favourite artifacts from the collection.
Hosted by the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Haliburton Highlands. All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join. Cost: Free
More information: www.cfuwhh.ca

The Highland Trio in the Clubroom
When: Saturday, Jan. 18, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non-members
*50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Minden Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting
When: Saturday, Jan. 18, 12 p.m.
Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, Minden
Come and enjoy a complimentary lunch and meet many of our volunteers.
More information: Eric Casper, 705-455-7997, casper.3742@gmail.com

Wilberforce Heritage Guild Annual General Meeting
When: Wednesday Jan. 22, 7 p.m.
Where: The Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum, 2314 Loop Road in Wilberforce
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided.
For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205

Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums Robbie Burns Night
When: Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion
Pipes & drums, dancing, Scottish music, a taste of haggis and fixings
\$20 per person. Tickets available at Canoe FM: 705-457-1009. Only 100 tickets, so get yours now!



Red Hawks libero Brooke Stover passes the ball on a return of serve during Kawartha High School Volleyball League exhibition play on Thursday, Jan. 9 in Haliburton. The Hawks finished undefeated in three matches, beating Port Hope, Kenner and Norwood. The team includes Emma Miller, Olivia Villamere, Sophie Longo, Liah Gallant, Crystal Petry and Abby Rosik. /DARREN LUM Staff

Hawks spike down victories at home, finish undefeated

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Three matches. Three wins. One goal for the Red Hawks junior girls’ volleyball team.

A long run in the Kawartha High School Volleyball League’s post-season, which will allow the team to play and host the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association championships, was at the heart of the strong showing that saw the juniors win all three of their exhibition matches on Thursday, Jan. 9 at home in Haliburton.

It’s the only scenario that will enable the Hawks to have another home tournament, following the undefeated play on Thursday, Jan. 9 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The Hawks played three consecutive matches, beating the Port Hope Spartans 2-0 (25-12 and 25-15) first, then the Kenner Rams 2-0 (25-15 and 25-13), and finished the day 2-0 against the Norwood Knights (25-7 and 25-11). Of the Hawks’ three opponents, Port Hope was the strongest.

Coach Dan Gimon said he loved how his team dictated the play.

He believes a major strength for the team, which includes coach Janice Scheffee, is its depth. “I’m happy with them all. We played, basically, two lines and they were very equal, which is a coach’s dream. We don’t have a strong line and a weak line. We’ve got two strong lines,” he said. “I love it.”

In the past, he said, there have been a strong starting six and a weaker bench.

“We have a strong bench now and I’ve told the girls that. You make it easy on us. If somebody is having a bad day, then you can go on and I have confidence that you’ll be able to carry it and that’s great. They all know that. We’re working on confidence. We’re working on composure. I’ve done that the last two years. That’s kind of my philosophy is that if you’re confident, you’re going to play well,” he said.

Players of note include Kiera Casey, who played solidly at setter and also served well, which included more than half of the 25 points for winners against the Norwood Knights.

Gimon said he liked the play of Kristina Barry, who was strong with serving and hits on the day, libero Brooke Stover, who he said is so quick sometimes she “overruns the ball,” and Bella Smolen.

The team captains are Emmerson Wilson and Ava Smith.

Gimon, who was the senior Red Hawks volleyball coach the past two years, said the team is developing well, particularly with their ability to read plays instead of reacting to them.

“They’ve still got a ways to go, but they’re coming along nicely. That was one of the reasons why I wanted to drop down to junior [and coach] is to teach the reading and anticipation aspect as opposed to reacting. Typically, players that don’t have a lot of experience, they react more than anticipating. If they can read and antici-

pate, you can get to the ball quicker, you can play better,” he said.



Red Hawks player Bella Smolen passes the ball during Kawartha High School Volleyball League exhibition play.

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Knitters' creations to benefit those with dementia

JENN WATT

Editor

As a holiday project, a group of knitters decided this year they'd put their needles together and whip up a batch of special creations especially useful for people with dementia, Alzheimer's and autism called "twiddle muffs."

The colourful knitted sleeves are covered in baubles and beads, especially on the inside of the tubes, which gives the users something to twiddle, reducing anxiety and agitation, says Susanne James, one of the organizers of the project for the Rails End Knitters.

The concept was first brought to the knitting circle by Chris Bond.



"It was truly a group effort: various members of our group donated yarn, but-

tons, baubles, beads and their time to knit twiddle muffs over the past few weeks,"

A group of knitters works to put together 16 twiddle muffs – specially made sleeves with beads and baubles that keep one's hands busy. Twiddle muffs are particularly useful for people with Alzheimer's, dementia or autism as they help to reduce anxiety and agitation. / Photo submitted by Susanne James

James wrote in an email to the *Echo*. "[Jan. 3], we put the finishing decorations on them and completed 16 beautiful hand-made twiddle muffs."

The twiddle muffs were destined for several social services organizations in the county including the YWCA in Minden, Point in Time, Extencicare, Highland Wood and Hyland Crest.

The Rails End Knitting Circle meets the first Friday of each month at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome; it's free for gallery members or by donation for everyone else. Typically, knitters bring their own projects to work on, with this twiddle muff project being an exception. "Tea and treats are always served, and there's never a shortage of laughter and interesting stories," James says.

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The family of the late "Bill Davis" wish to thank everyone who have been so kind during our very sad times. Thanks to each and everyone who attended the visitation and services, for monetary donations, food, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls.

Also to everyone who spoke at the funeral and said such lovely words about our loved one. To Rev. Bev Hicks for doing a beautiful, caring service.

To the ones who visited Bill so faithfully at Hyland Crest, especially Larry, our good friend and neighbour for many years.

To Dwayne, Lori and staff at Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their thoughtfulness at this time.

Freda & Family

I want to personally thank my family for the many visits and for being there when I needed you most. Love You, Freda



Robbin Lee Mathews
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In Loving Memory of

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Beloved husband of the late Helen (nee Morency), dear father of Sandra, Chris (Jim- predeceased), Dwayne (Claire) and Mark (Irene). Loving grandfather of Kelly (Tony), Jocelyn (Andrew), Carter, Catherine (Gerald), Steven (Stacey), Amanda, Jamie Lee (Nick), Tyler and great grandfather of Riley, Bryce, Brianne, Brooke, Madison, Whitney, Victoria, Jordyn, Logan, Cole, Cora Belle, Emery, Mikalah, Cooper and Leila. Dear brother of Phyllis Epp (Don) and Craig Windsor. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Garth spent his career in the railroad and retired to Carnarvon in 1986. He was involved in the church and the Knights of Columbus. Garth will be remembered for the time he gave to others and for his great sense of humour. A special thanks to the Hyland Crest Staff, Residents and Minden Emergency Staff for all the care and friendship they showed Garth over the years.

A Graveside Service will be held in the Spring at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. A Gathering to Celebrate Garth's Life will be held with the date and time that will be announced in the Spring.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

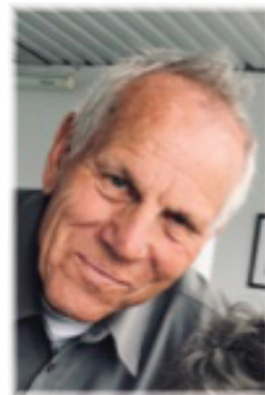


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In Loving Memory of

Henry Paul Pristol

Passed away suddenly on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at the age of 79.

Beloved husband of Lenore Pristol (nee Coates). Dear father of Andy (Cindy) Pristol, Ian Pristol (Tracey Hall). Loving grandfather of Shawn, Hilary, Elizabeth and Trevor. Dear brother of Edward (Hilda), Stanley (deceased), and brother-in-law of Meredith (Barbara) Coates, and Keith (Aileen) Coates. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Henry's Life at 12:00 o'clock noon. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.



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**ANGUS MICHAEL CHARLES MACINNES**

(Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at St. Michael's Hospital with family and friends by his side on Thursday, January 9, 2020 in his 53rd year.

Beloved partner of Crystal Power. Predeceased by his mother, Myrna MacInnes(Fry) and father, Gus MacInnes. Dear brother of Wade (Julie), Jennifer (Ed), Darren (Rose) and Jeanette (Drew). Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews and his aunt Shiela (Jim) and his cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

"Our family chain has broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, our chain will link again."

**Patricia "Pat" Allen**

(Resident of Haliburton)

Peacefully at the residence surrounded by her family on Wednesday morning, January 8, 2020 in her 77th year. Devoted daughter of Doris Roberts. Loving and cherished mother of Cyndi (Gunter), Steve Holm (Linda), Terri (Jeff) and Robyn. Fondly remembered by her many grandchildren and by her great grandchildren. Pat enjoyed people, she gathered and entertained many friends. She will be remembered for her laughter.

Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

Please join the family at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday morning, January 21, 2020 for a Celebration of Pat's life at 11 o'clock in the Chapel. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton 4C's or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

Andrew Neal

Passed away peacefully at home in Eagle Lake on Sunday, January 5, 2020 with his family at his side. At the age of 84.

Beloved husband of the late Karin. Dear father of Rosie and Rick Dupont, Ben Cirtwill (deceased), Martha Marshman, Dennis Neal, Annette and Randy Williams, Debora and Frank Miller and Daryl Neal. Loving grandpa of 11 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and especially missed by his two bright eyes. Dear brother of Robert, Edith, Della, Ivan and predeceased by Shirley. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to a Service to Celebrate Andy's Life at the Eagle Lake Community Church, 2605 Eagle Lake Road, Eagle Lake on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Parkinson's Society Canada would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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*Our thoughts go wandering,
When daylight fades.
To the land of long ago.
And memory paints the scenes of old,
In the gold of the twilight glow.
We seem to see in the soft dim light,
The faces we loved the best,
And think of them when the sun's last ray,
Goes down in the far off west.*

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New seniors complex now closer to reality

Dysart et al council has agreed to a zoning change that will permit a senior citizens apartment complex on vacant land between Head Lake and Maple Street, despite objections from several area property owners.

The land, known as Block 'T', Lots 5 and 11, extends between Victoria and Park Streets. Lot 11 is presently zoned urban institutional, while Lot 5 is residential. The zoning change will create a special residential zone (R2-5) on which a joint committee of the Haliburton Legion, the Haliburton Rotary Club, and Dysart council hopes to build a 33 unit senior citizens housing complex. A second phase could add an additional 17 units in the future.

Phase one of the building would be situated on the north half of the lot, close to Park Street, with the south half earmarked for a residents' parking lot.

Council held a public meeting last Wednesday night to give neighbouring property owners a chance to air their views on the proposal.

While it appeared the majority of people whose property might be affected by the proposed building were in favour of the project, there were several objections. Principal concerns included the height of the building and subsequent blockage of the view to the lake from some properties; a possible increase in traffic flow on Park Street; a possible noise problem from the number of units involved; the type of clientele the units are geared toward; a possible devaluation of neighbouring property, and the suitability of the site for a building versus a parking lot.

It was suggested that Phase one of the complex be placed closer to Victoria Street than Park Street. But Legion representative Cliff Dawson said Lot 11 was favoured because the terrain is steeper, allowing

access at the second floor level as well as the first floor. He said this was desirable, since the building will house senior citizens.

There was also a suggestion that Lot 11, close to Park Street be used as a parking lot, rather than Lot 5. Council's planning committee noted that Lot 11 is currently zoned urban institutional, and a building much higher than the proposed apartment complex could be built on it. As well, a parking lot on Lot 11 might be used by people coming to Rotary Beach, rather than by residents of the building and their visitors.

Dawson emphasized that the site plan has been drawn up to meet maximum use of the property, which is owned jointly by the Haliburton Legion and the Rotary Club.

Following the public portion of the meeting, council's planning committee reviewed the application, site plan and architectural drawings, the public's comments and a petition presented by Isabel Keefer objecting to the zoning change for Lot 11.

In the end, council passed a resolution recommending that council proceed with the zoning change. The resolution notes that "the concerns expressed by neighbouring property owners have been considered and unfortunately cannot be considered due to the nature of the topography of the lot and the nature of the proposed development. The proposed zoning is much more restrictive than the present zone on Lot 11 and therefore the concerns regarding the height of the building are considered unjustified."

Council could pass the zoning change by-law as early as at its March meeting. Neighbouring property owners would have 35 days in which to lodge formal objections. If the objections cannot be resolved, the matter then would go to an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

While government approval for the project has not yet been obtained, and the necessary grants are not yet certain, council and the project committee are optimistic that construction could start as early as the fall of this year.

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Water levels committee discusses need with MNR

The Haliburton Highlands Water Levels Committee has succeeded in one of its key goals - to obtain the appointment of a senior contact person with the provincial government. At a meeting January 17 with senior members of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Don White, District manager in Minden, was given that role.

Main purpose of the meeting was to establish greater MNR awareness and involvement in the issues and problems surrounding the reservoir lakes in Haliburton County, and the waterway system.

On hand were members of the local water levels committee, including county warden Harry Davis, and MNR officials R. Burgar, assistant deputy minister; R. Christie, director of the Algonquin region; Don White, Minden District manager; B. McClure, policy officer; P.

Steven, regional engineer; and Wayne Wilson, biologist.

Water levels committee member Bev Robinson reviewed the scope of the reservoir lakes with the officials, and pointed out where additional reservoir capacity is available, based on previous studies.

It was agreed that there is no need to have the committee's study repeated by professional consultants.

Other discussion at the meeting, according to a news release from the warden, centred on key recommendations in the water levels committee report, including: resolving the issue of federal/provincial jurisdiction over the reservoir lakes and waterway system; the need for a federal/provincial management and operating agreement; the need

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Karl Kinanen gets ready for the start of the men's 15 km race on Saturday at the Central Region Masters Cross Country Ski Championships on the newly created course near Haliburton. Kinanen, who competes in the 55-59 age category, garnered the

gold medal with a time of 52 minutes. About 80 competitors were on hand for the event, the first of many that will be staged on the local course in years to come.

Parents express concern: Busing, school trips among key issues at meeting

By MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Special education, the rising costs of school trips, fundraising, French programs and busing were some of the concerns expressed by parents at the Haliburton Home and School meeting on Monday night.

The 14 parents had some questions they wanted to ask various representatives of the Board of Education, and used the evening to vent some of their frustrations or concerns about their children's schooling.

Opening the discussion was the Director of Education, Stuart Baker, who used some of his time to explain how some of the changes taking place in the Ministry of

Education affect local schools.

A report has come out saying that while most schools are doing very well in following ministry guidelines for Kindergarten through Grade 3, some effort must be made in the junior level to bring the standards up.

"We have not got on tract with ministry guidelines as well as we have in the primary grades," said Baker of the situation in general. "We're still tending to teach them the same way we did 15 years ago."

Junior grade teachers should be spending more time in workshops, he said, so that when the student moves on to the intermediate level Grades 7 and 8, the switch from student-centred work to subject-

centred work does not come as a big shock.

"The junior division is very important since really good work habits and attitudes are developed at that time," Baker said.

In discussing the French program, Baker noted that at the present time, a student must have 760 hours of class study by the time he or she finishes high school so they can write the final French examination. The ministry has now deemed that by the year 1996, the number of hours must be increased to 1,080. This means that French instruction must start in Grade 1 in order for the student to accumulate the required number of hours.

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It was a happy but shivering Ginger Elliott who rode through the streets of Minden during the winter carnival parade sponsored by the Lions Club. The

16-year-old Minden girl was chosen Carnival Queen the night before.

Minden carnival means lively time

Minden came alive this weekend as hundreds of tourists and residents alike delighted in all of the planned activities during the Minden Winter Carnival.

Parents could leave their children competing for chocolate bars at the outdoor activity centre while they took in the sights and sounds of car races on ice or snowmobiles thundering over the hills at Snocross.

Or, after building up a hunger watching the Kinsmen parade wind its way downtown, one could stuff their stomach with nine pieces of chicken in the chicken eating contest.

If proving how strong you were was your thing rather than proving how fast you could eat, then a wrist wrestling championship provided the perfect opportunity to flex those pecs.

After warming up outside during the tug of war pulls or log sawing contests, one could head for the arena where there was virtually non-stop hockey or the curling rink

where an all-day bonspiel was held attracting rinks from Sudbury to Toronto.

Those in a benevolent mood, could sit down in the Crowe's Nest to bid on a hat. More than \$900 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis and the top bid for one hat reached \$100.

Whatever your fancy or talent, the Minden Carnival had something to offer and the large crowds proved that people were ready to take advantage of it. All the events were well attended and the dance on Saturday was sold out.

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Reality of tough new legislation escapes some, police discover

Five people have been charged with impaired driving in Haliburton County over the past week, bringing to 11, the number of drinking and driving charges that have been laid by Minden OPP in January. This compares with only one charge in the whole of January last year, and may indicate that the reality of tough new legislation against the offence has not yet sunk in.

Police say most of the five charges in the past week have been

laid in the afternoon, and two of them were against snowmobile operators.

"It would appear that the fear of incurring a greater penalty and a longer licence suspension has had little effect so far in this region," community services officer Gary Chapman noted in his weekly press release.

If convicted, the 11 drivers face mandatory one year licence suspensions, as well as hefty fines.



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Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft frtg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage. A property that can be enjoyed all year.



TWELVE MILE LAKE \$569,969

Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch. 56 ft of Houston docking. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes.



LONG LAKE \$499,900

Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities.

VACANT LOTS

Kennis Lake \$895,000 4.3AC	Irondale River \$79,000 3.22AC
Drag Lake \$499,000 7.24AC	Contau Lake Road \$49,000 3.91AC
Colborne Lake \$289,000 4.83AC	Wenona Lake \$40,000 0.42AC
Contau Lake \$165,000 1.33AC	Fred Jones Road \$25,000 0.38AC